

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake comprising a stator [(1)] which has an annular shell [(3)] with a multiplicity of blades supported in the respective shell; ~~(4)~~; a rotor [(2)] which has a corresponding annular shell [(5)] with a number of blades also supported in the respective shell; ~~(6), which the~~ annular shells [(3, 5)] of the rotor [(2)] and the stator [(1)] are so shaped and arranged that they form a toroidal space [(7),] in which the blades extend for receiving a medium which is intended to be supplied to the toroidal space [(7)] for effecting a braking action between the rotor and the stator when the medium is supplied to the space; ~~to be effected, and~~

a number of components [(24-32)] for allowing regulation of the flow of said the medium into or out of the space; ~~characterised in that~~ the hydrodynamic brake ~~incorporates~~ including a structure ~~with~~ having a side with at least three recesses formed inward [(14-23)] of the side, ~~which each~~ recess have an opening in a substantially common plane (A) in the side and ~~which are each~~ recess is intended to accomodate accomodates one of said the components [(24-33)].

2. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 1, further comprising the brake structure includes a first element having the side, the ~~characterised in that~~ said recesses are incorporated in the side of the [(a)] first element, the ~~(10) of the hydrodynamic brake~~ structure includes ~~and that~~ a second element ~~(11) of the hydrodynamic brake~~ which is detachably fittable along a connecting region [(12)] to the first element [(10)] so that said elements [(10, 11)] in a fitted state form a housing which surrounds said components and encloses the recesses at the side of the first element.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 2 ~~or 3, characterised in that~~ further comprising a gasket ~~[(13) is]~~ arranged in the connecting region ~~[(12)]~~ between said the first element (10) and said second element (11) elements.

5. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to ~~any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein one of said the components is a valve means (24, 25, 27, 32).

6. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to ~~any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein one of said the components is a gear pump ~~[(26)]~~.

7. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to ~~any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein one of said the components is an accumulator ~~[(33)]~~.

8. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to ~~any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the hydrodynamic brake incorporates a storage space ~~[(34)]~~ for the medium.

9. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 2, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the first element ~~[(10)]~~ incorporates the stator ~~[(1)]~~ and the rotor ~~[(2)]~~ and that the second element ~~[(11)]~~ is ~~of cover-like design~~ a cover over the components in the first element.

10. (Currently Amended) A hydrodynamic brake according to ~~any one of the foregoing claims, characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the first element ~~[(10)]~~ incorporates in its structure at least one duct to allow transfer of the medium.

11. (New) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 1, wherein each of the components is received in the recess to be accessible from the side of the structure into the recess.

12. (New) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 1, wherein the side with the recesses and the openings therein is in a substantially common place.

13. (New) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 2, wherein the side with the recesses and the openings therein is in a substantially common place.

14. (New) A hydrodynamic brake according to claim 13, wherein the connecting region has an extent in the plane.